[Mr. M. K. Nilakantan]

(e) what is the percentage of shortage allowed to the Proverthicars and Accountants when they purchase paddy in each taluk;

(f) whether some of them have claimed very high percentage of shortage; and

(g) whether such shortage is allowed to the wholesale merchants when they were empowered to purchase paddy?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : *(a)* Yes (in respect of foodgrains.)

(b) No percentage has been fixed so far in respect of imported foodgrains.

(c) No.

(d) No. Certain applications for allowing shortage have been received and are under consideration.

(e) Shortage (due to dryage) varying from 1/2 to 2 per cent. is ordinarily allowed with due regard to the variety of paddy purchased and stored, the time of purchase, period of shortage, etc. Dryage above 2 per cent. will be allowed only for special reasons and on specific recommendations.

(f) No.

(g) No.

Theft cases.

5. MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of theft cases registered during the previous three years and in how many cases the stolen property has been recovered and thieves identified?

MR. S. PARTHASARTHY AIYANGAR :

Year.	*No. of cases registered.*		*Cases in which property recovered and thieves identified..*
1118	1497	...	1152
1119	1217	...	672
1120	1033	...	717
1121 up to 11/21	1039	...	641

Revenue from the mineral sands of Karunagapalli.

6. MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of revenue they derive from the mineral sands of Karunagapalli taluk?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Separate figures are not available regarding the revenue realised from the mineral sands of the Karunagapalli taluk. The total revenue realised from mineral sands in the State during 1120 was Rs. 4,39,166 and the estimated revenue for 1121 is Rs. 6 lakhs.

Head Clerks in the Registration Department.

7. MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the years of service put in on an average by those who have been promoted and appointed in the place of those reverted Head clerks; and

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(b) whether those appointed had any previous service as Head clerks?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: *(a)* Three years on an average.

(b) No, they were graduates recruited as clerks by the Public Service Commissioner, and were promoted as Head clerks on passing the Registration Test.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Town and Taluk Textile Advisory Committee.

1. *MR. M. L. JANARDHANAN PILLAI *(Nominated)*: Will the Government be pleased to state when they expect to form the new Town and Taluk Advisory Committees?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: As early as practicable.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: താലൂക്കുകമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ ലിസ്റ്റുകൂടാതെ ധാരാളം അളുകൾക്ക് കമ്മിഷണർ കോട്ടാ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിയാമോ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: അറിയാൻപാടില്ല.

Appendix I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 241.**

Measures adopted in connection with the Grow More Food Campaign.

Following arrangements have been made in connection with the Grow More Food Campaign.

1. Irrigation facilities.

The P. W. D. was asked to give priority to minor irrigation works. During the last 6 weeks 81 minor irrigation works were completed, 225 works are nearing completion and 156 works are being started. An extent of 32,000 acres of land will be benefited by these works. A subsidy of Rs. 100 per well is also being made available for sinking new wells for irrigation purposes.

Lift irrigation works have been sanctioned at Chengamanad, Okkalkara and Puthuvasseri for irrigating paddy lands at the instance of private individuals. Government have also sanctioned the extension of electric power lines to Avanamcode in North Travancore for affording lift irrigation facilities to the agriculturists. Arrangements have been made for the procurement of pumping sets with the requisite pipes, bends etc., and engines for supply to the agriculturists on hire or hire purchase system Under the Electric Lift Irrigation Project in North Travancore about 1,000 acres of single crop paddy lands on the banks of the Periyar river have already been converted into double crop paddy lands. It is estimated that about 5,000 acres more will be brought under the next crop as a result of the extension scheme at Avanamcode. A sum of Rs. 1,50,000 has been sanctioned for this purpose.

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